

Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Marc Polite for being named "Coach of the Year" by the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association.

**RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE AND
RETIREMENT OF MARCIA GARRETT
OF TACOMA, WASHINGTON**

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Mr. KILMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Marcia Garrett of Tacoma, Washington for her decades of service and to celebrate her upcoming retirement.

Marcia is a lifelong Washingtonian with a dedication to public service. She began her career serving as a staff member in the Washington State legislature and served our country as a White House aide during President Carter's Administration. After returning to the Pacific Northwest, Marcia joined the team at Washington State University, where she has worked for the past 26 years.

As the Director of Regional Relations in the Office of External Affairs and Governmental Relations for Washington State University, Marcia has been a pillar in our community, tirelessly working to build bridges between higher education, the community, and local government. In addition to her work at the University, Marcia is involved in several boards, organizations, and working groups within the Puget Sound region. She is a vocal and tenacious advocate for higher education in the state of Washington and we are all better off thanks to her work advancing the research and work of public universities.

Madam Speaker, beyond her many accomplishments, I would also like to express gratitude for the friend that Marcia has been to me. Not only do I appreciate the person she has done; I appreciate the person that she is. Please join me in congratulating Marcia Garrett on her service to Washington State University and the state of Washington. I wish her all the best in her retirement.

**RECOGNIZING THE FORT WALTON
BEACH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
FOR THEIR INVALUABLE
CONTRIBUTION TO COMMEMORATING
THE DOOLITTLE RAIDERS**

HON. MATT GAETZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Mr. GAETZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce for the historical contribution they have made in commemorating the Doolittle Raiders.

The mission of the Doolittle Raiders was to strike back at the Japanese military after their attack on Pearl Harbor. Lt. Colonel James Doolittle began training the Doolittle Raiders at Eglin Air Force Base just weeks before their historic raid. Before leaving Eglin, the Doolittle Raiders would become some of the greatest and most capable fighting pilots of all time.

In April of 1942, the Doolittle Raiders began their historic flight. However, they were reported by a Japanese vessel off the coast of California. They decided to launch their mission early in order to surprise the Japanese fleet that had been notified of their attack. Unfortunately, this early launch meant they would not have enough gas to make it to their designated landing place. As a result, many would have to either bail or perform a crash landing.

Despite this, the historic Doolittle Raid was invaluable to American morale in the early stages of WWII, which inevitably changed its course.

In the years following WWII, the Raiders held reunions commemorating the Doolittle Raid and all it stood for. Each reunion they would toast the Raiders who had passed since their last meeting. In 2013, the last reunion took place in Fort Walton Beach, and in 2019, the last Doolittle Raider, Bud Cole, passed away.

This year, the Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce sponsored a final commemorative toast to Bud Cole and the Doolittle Raiders at Northwest Florida State College. The distinguished honor bestowed upon these great servicemen by the Fort Walton Beach Chamber will never be forgotten.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce and their commitment to preserving the memory of these national heroes. I thank them for their service and dedication to the legacies of these historic U.S. Servicemembers.

RACHEL SANCHEZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Rachel Sanchez for her creative and unique drawing, earning her third place in the 2022 Congressional Art Competition.

As a participant in the art show and student at Golden High School, Rachel created a work of art entitled, "Father Figure". The artwork is a charcoal portrait of her father.

Rachel spent countless hours and used numerous tools to learn new techniques and refine her painting skills and education in the arts. I appreciate her participation in the competition and the support provided by her teachers at Golden High School.

Congratulations to Rachel Sanchez for her hard work and participation in the 2022 Congressional Art Competition. I am certain she will exhibit the same dedication and character in her future accomplishments, and I wish her the best of luck going forward.

ASHEBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. TED BUDD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the exceptional public service provided by Officers of the Asheboro, North Carolina Police Department.

On March 2, 2022, one of my constituents was scheduled for an important medical procedure. As his wife was driving him to his appointment, she suddenly began experiencing serious medical symptoms. This forced the couple to make an emergency stop at a local convenience store. Dismayed, my constituent believed he would miss the appointment for his critical operation.

Upon observing the distress of a total stranger, a good Samaritan called 9-1-1. Officers Olivia Hicks and Courtney Crisco were nearby, and they were quickly dispatched to the convenience store. Although Officer Crisco was in training that day, both she and Officer Hicks sprang into action. As the EMTs cared for the gentleman's wife, the officers personally drove my constituent to his appointment. Not content to merely ensure he had transportation for his trip home, the officers also arranged for the man to have a caretaker until the effects of the anesthesia had subsided.

Madam Speaker, please join me in thanking Officers Olivia Hicks and Courtney Crisco, along with the entire Asheboro Police Department, for admirably responding to the call to protect and serve their community. Through their actions, these officers demonstrated their genuine concern for those they serve. At a time when some have called for the defunding of police departments, residents across Asheboro should be proud of such exemplars of policing and public service.

**HONORING DR. MARK JUSTIN
APFEL**

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dr. Mark Justin Apfel as he retires from Anderson Valley Health Center and an extraordinary 45-year career in health care in rural Mendocino County.

Born in New York in April 1949, Dr. Apfel earned an undergraduate degree at Syracuse University and graduated from medical school at SUNY Upstate Medical University Norton College of Medicine. He went on to become an emergency room physician with Kaiser, serving Oakland, Vallejo, and Redwood City, California, and then a physician for East Oakland Family Health Center. In 1976, he was selected to be an emergency room physician for Hillside Hospital in Ukiah, California. That same year, Dr. Apfel began serving as a volunteer physician with a newly formed health clinic in Boonville, California, soon to become the Anderson Valley Health Center. Dr. Apfel stepped into the role of the first full time doctor at Anderson Valley Health Center (AVHC) in rural Mendocino County, where he worked for the next 45 years.

While working at AVHC, Dr. Apfel took on additional roles as an emergency room physician and medical director of palliative care for Ukiah Valley Medical Center in Ukiah, California; and he served as a staff physician at the Mendocino Community Hospital in Fort Bragg, California. This work required Dr. Apfel to commute frequently throughout Mendocino County, travelling year-round over the windy country roads that connect these communities.

In addition to Dr. Apfel's professional service to Mendocino County, he was an active

volunteer for fundraising on behalf of AVHC, and he provided medical service training for members of the Anderson Valley Volunteer Fire Department and Anderson Valley Ambulance Services. Dr. Apfel also continued to pursue professional development, broadening his expertise in palliative care.

Dr. Apfel shared his skills and knowledge with the medical community in the extended region and state through his leadership in the Coalition for Compassionate Care of California, and by helping establish the Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST) Program. Furthermore, his efforts to ensure appropriate palliative medical care and end-of-life care resulted in improved access to critical information for patients and their loved ones.

Madam Speaker, the breadth and depth of Dr. Apfel's dedication and generosity of service to ensure access to affordable, high-quality, and compassionate health care in Mendocino County, the state, and Nation are unparalleled. He is appropriately regarded as a local healthcare hero, but his service and contributions extend far beyond his community. Please join me in recognizing Dr. Mark Apfel for his near half-century of good work and wishing him the best in his next endeavors.

RECOGNIZING JUDGE HUGH REED OF CLAUDE, TEXAS

HON. RONNY JACKSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Mr. JACKSON. Madam Speaker, today I am proud to recognize Judge Hugh Reed of Claude, Texas as he gathers with friends, family, longtime colleagues, and members of the community to celebrate his retirement and 70th birthday. After nearly 34 years of distinguished service to the fine people of Armstrong County as County Judge, I know I speak for the whole county when I say we are grateful for his service and wish him well in retirement.

When asked about the best part of the job in a 2015 interview, Judge Reed expressed gratitude to his constituents for giving him the honor to serve them. Representing the people of Armstrong County is a clear passion for Judge Reed, and I am confident that he will be missed in his retirement as he served Armstrong County with diligence and honor.

In addition to his service as County Judge, Judge Reed also served our country in the U.S. Marine Corps for 21 years. He is someone who truly knows what it means to make sacrifices for the betterment of his community and country.

Judge Reed is an incredible leader with an unwavering commitment to West Texas. His legacy will be remembered in Armstrong County for generations to come. I stand here today to thank Judge Reed for his contribution and service to the people of Armstrong County, and to wish him a happy 70th birthday.

ZAYNE YEAGER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Zayne Yeager for his creative and unique drawing, earning him second place in the 2022 Congressional Art Competition.

As a participant in the art show and student at Ralston Valley High School, Zayne created a work of art entitled, “#NoFilter”. It was created with colored pencils and is meant to convey a social-media-centric culture and its impact on an individual.

Zayne spent countless hours and used numerous tools to learn new techniques and refine his drawing skills and education in the arts. I appreciate his participation in the competition and the support provided by his teachers at Ralston Valley High School.

Congratulations to Zayne Yeager for his hard work and participation in the 2022 Congressional Art Competition. I am certain he will exhibit the same dedication and character in his future accomplishments, and I wish him the best of luck going forward.

HONORING DAVID BLANCO RAMIREZ

HON. DARRELL ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Mr. ISSA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Border Patrol Agent David Blanco Ramirez.

Mr. Ramirez served in the U.S. Border Patrol for 18 years. While serving in the San Diego Sector's Intelligence Unit during the migrant surge in September 2021, Agent Ramirez passed away in the line of duty.

Mr. Ramirez was born and raised in Chula Vista, California. In 1993, he enlisted in the National Guard, beginning his long career of protecting our country.

In 2003, Mr. Ramirez joined the Border Patrol's San Diego sector, located near his hometown. After 18 years of service for the CBP's forensic office, Agent Ramirez succumbed in 2021 to COVID-19 complications. He contracted the disease working in the 2021 surge in illegal aliens during our country's unprecedented border crisis.

He is survived by his loving wife Rosemary, who has served the San Diego community as a teacher's assistant to children with special needs, as well as his three sons, his eldest following in his father's footsteps and rising to the rank of 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. National Guard.

We owe a debt beyond words to David Blanco Ramirez and his family. I am proud to rise today to honor his service to our nation.

HONORING NON-PROFITS AND
NGO'S FOR PROVIDING CRITICAL
INTERNATIONAL AID TO FIGHT
THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Madam Speaker, as a proud co-founder of the Global Vaccine Caucus and member of the Special Select Committee on the Coronavirus Crisis, I wish to honor and celebrate the efforts of NGOs who have provided robust international aid and other forms of critical humanitarian assistance to combat the COVID-19 pandemic around the world.

In our nation, rapid advances in vaccine technology and COVID-19 treatment have turned the virus into a more manageable threat. But in countries throughout the world without equitable access to the benefits of these advancements, the economic, social, and public health ramifications of COVID-19 have remained troublingly prevalent; to date, over 6 million deaths resulting from COVID-19 have been reported to the World Health Organization across the world. Furthermore, COVID-19 anywhere is a threat to people everywhere, and efforts to curb the spread of deadly variants abroad helps saves American lives here at home.

In response to the spread of COVID-19, volunteer-based organizations and NGOs have stepped up in a meaningful way to address this crisis, bringing critical support to underserved communities facing untold suffering as a result of the pandemic. For example, according to PR Newswire, the organizations Sewa International, eGlobal Doctors, and American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (AAPI) partnered to provide “Medical advice for COVID-19 patients from India via telehealth,” with the objective to “keep patients with mild symptoms out of the ER and identify those who need to go to the hospital sooner,” and to “decrease the burden on hospitals to lower panic and decrease misinformation about the pandemic.” Further, these organizations assisted countries like India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Pakistan, Guyana, Iraq, South Africa, Suriname, and Trinidad by sending oxygen concentrators and other necessary COVID supplies. These much-needed humanitarian efforts served people of all races, colors, religions, genders, sexual orientations, and nationalities.

Other organizations have invested in deploying people on the ground in foreign countries to strengthen education and outreach initiatives. As outlined in Borgen Magazine, following the initial outbreak of COVID-19 in 2020, the non-profit organization Doctors Without Borders “supported hospitals at the epicenter of the COVID-19 outbreak” in Italy, and “sent teams to educate populations [in Hong Kong] about the importance of preventing the spread of COVID-19.”

These are just some examples of the tremendous work undertaken by non-profits and NGOs across the United States to expand access to healthcare and fight COVID-19 across the world. In totality, such organizations have raised millions of dollars for COVID-19 relief efforts, distributed hundreds of thousands of